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REVISION #1

August 6, 2007

A public meeting of the Arizona Game and Fish Commission will be held on August 8, 9, 10 and 11, 2007, and as authorized by A.R.S. § 17-201(D), the Commission will discuss and may vote to take action on the following matters:

Wednesday, August 8, 2007, Arizona Game and Fish Commission Work Session at the Radisson Woodlands Hotel, 1175 West Route 66 Flagstaff, Arizona 86001.

Meeting begins at 12:00 p.m.

- 1. Presenter: Bob Miles, Information Branch Chief. Commission Media Training.** H.M.A. Public Relations will present a media training session for Commission members. This training is for information only; the Commission will not take any action regarding this item.
- 2. Presenter: Shelley Cutts, Assistant Attorney General. Hiring a New Director for the Arizona Game and Fish Department.** Arizona Game and Fish Director Duane Shroufe has announced his intention to retire upon expiration of his current contract. Assistant Attorney General Shelley D. Cutts will make a presentation to the Commission regarding the legal process and requirements for hiring a new Director.
- 3. Call to the Public.** Those persons wishing to speak should complete a speaker's card and present it to the host. Unless prior approval has been granted by the Chairman, comments will be limited to no more than three minutes. No discussion or action will be taken by the Commission. Any items requiring further discussion or action will be included on a future Commission meeting agenda.

Thursday, August 9, 2007, Arizona Game and Fish Commission Work Session at the Radisson Woodlands Hotel, 1175 West Route 66 Flagstaff, Arizona 86001.

Meeting begins at 8:00 a.m. (Time Change)

Awards and Commissioning of Officers.

- 1. Presenter: Leonard Ordway, Game Branch Chief; Mark Duda, Executive Director, Responsive Management. Public Work Session on Using Human Dimensions Data in Determining Game Management Direction.** The Department in coordination with Responsive Management, a natural resources human dimensions information consultant, will present the Commission with an overview of collecting human dimension data regarding

hunter preferences and determining game management direction using this data. Discussion with the Commission may occur regarding any and all of the topics presented, although the Commission will take no action regarding this item.

ADDITIONAL ITEM

1A.Presenter: Anthony Guiles, Legislative Liaison. Public Work Session on Legislative and Electoral Issues. Bob Grossfeld of “The Media Guys Inc.”, a nationally-known strategic communications firm specializing in public affairs, will discuss legislative and electoral issues with the Commission, focusing on costs associated with placing an initiative on a ballot and the process of doing so. The Commission will take no action regarding this item and the work session is for information only.

2. Presenter: Ron Sieg, Flagstaff Regional Supervisor; Leonard Ordway, Game Branch Chief; Chantal O’Brien, Research Branch Chief. Public Work Session on Management of Deer in Unit 12A. The Department will present the Commission with an overview of mule deer management and current research on the North Kaibab deer herd that inhabits Unit 12A, including analysis from data collected at the mandatory hunter check station. Discussion with the Commission may occur regarding any and all of the topics presented, although the Commission will take no action regarding this item.

3. Call to the Public. Those persons wishing to speak should complete a speaker’s card and present it to the host. Unless prior approval has been granted by the Chairman, comments will be limited to no more than three minutes. No discussion or action will be taken by the Commission. Any items requiring further discussion or action will be included on a future Commission meeting agenda.

Friday, August 10, 2007, Arizona Game and Fish Commission at the Radisson Woodlands Hotel, 1175 West Route 66 Flagstaff, Arizona 86001.

Meeting begins at 8:00 a.m.

Awards and Commissioning of Officers.

1. Presenter: Anthony Guiles, Legislative Liaison. State and Federal Legislation. The Commission will be briefed on the status of State and Federal legislation. The Commission may vote to take a position or provide direction to the Department for coordination, action, or proposed changes to legislation or other elective issues related to Department responsibilities.

****ITEM MOVED TO SATURDAY (5A.)****

2. Presenter: Anthony Guiles, Legislative Liaison. Supplemental Funding Initiative Language. The Commission will be briefed on the development of draft language regarding a potential supplemental funding initiative that may include provisions for a new funding source from a sales tax; protection for the Heritage Fund; preservation of Commission authority; authorization for the Commission to participate in certain court actions; and removing legislative appropriation of the Game and Fish fund. The Commission may vote to approve or provide changes to the proposed language and/or provide further direction regarding this item.

- 2A. Presenter: Josh Avey, Habitat Branch Chief and Scott Florence, BLM Arizona Strip District Manager. Update on Uranium Mining and Activities on the Arizona Strip.** Scott Florence, District Manager for the BLM's Arizona Strip District, will provide the Commission with a brief update on uranium mining and activities on BLM lands on the strip, including a general summary of the General Mining Act of 1872 and the anticipated effects on natural resources from these activities.
- 3. Presenter: Ty Gray, Assistant Director, Information and Education Division. Statewide Shooting Range Briefing.** The Commission will be given an update of Department activities related to shooting range support and development statewide. The update covers activities that have occurred since the June 2007 Commission meeting. The Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, items covered in the update.
- 4. Presenter: Ty Gray, Assistant Director, Information and Education Division. Information and Education Activities Briefing.** The Commission will be given an update of Department activities and events related to Information and Education Programs. The update covers activities and events that have occurred since the June 2007 Commission meeting. The Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, items covered in the update.
- 5. Presenter: Ty Gray, Assistant Director, Information and Education Division. FY 2008 Scholastic Clay Target Program Structure and Update.** The Commission will be given an update of Department activities related to the Scholastic Clay Target Program. The update covers program structure, support and funding requirements for the coming project year. The Commission will be asked to approve additional funding for FY 08. The Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, items covered in the update.
- 6. Presenter: Josh Avey, Habitat Branch Chief. An Update on Current Issues, Planning Efforts, and Proposed Projects on All Lands in Arizona and Other Matters Related Thereto.** The Commission will be briefed on the latest developments relating to the implementation of land and resource management plans and projects on private, state and federal lands in Arizona and other matters related hereto. The update addresses decisions or activities since the June 2007 Commission meeting. The Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, items covered in the update.
- 7. Consent Agenda – The following items have been grouped together and are hereby noticed as consent agenda items to expedite action on routine matters, which may not require public discussion. The Commission will be asked to vote to approve these matters as presented, subject to approval or recommendations of the Office of the Attorney General. Commission members may remove certain items if further public input or discussion is deemed necessary.**
- a. Presenter. Josh Avey, Habitat Branch Chief. Request for Commission Approval for an Agreement for Permit with Citizens Communications, for Telephone Service at Mohave County Shooting Ranch in Mohave County, Arizona.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve an Agreement for Permit to construct, operate and maintain underground and overhead telephone cables, appurtenant facilities and service to provide telephone service with

Citizens Communication at Mohave County Shooting Range in Mohave County, Arizona.

- b. Presenter. Josh Avey, Habitat Branch Chief. Request for Commission Approval for the Department to Execute a Special Use Permit issued by the U.S. Forest Service at Fairchild Draw in Navajo County, Arizona.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the Special Use Permit for the construction and maintenance of an elk enclosure at Fairchild Draw in Navajo County.
 - c. Presenter. Josh Avey, Habitat Branch Chief. Request for the Commission to Approve a Three-Party Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Exchange of Information on the Status and Distribution of Threatened, Endangered and Sensitive (TES) Plants and Animals on Forest Service lands in Arizona and New Mexico.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the MOU between the Commission, the Southwestern Region of the Forest Service and the University of New Mexico for the exchange of information on the status and distribution of TES plants and animals on Forest Service Lands in Arizona and New Mexico.
 - d. Presenter. Josh Avey, Habitat Branch Chief. Request for the Commission to Approve a Memorandum of Understanding for the cooperative development of the Altar Valley Fire Management Plan.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve a Memorandum of Understanding for the cooperative development of the Altar Valley Fire Management Plan that addresses the land management goals of private landowners within the Altar Valley Conservation Alliance and the fire suppression needs of the Arizona State Land Department.
- 8. Presenter: Harry Seck, Assistant Director, Special Services. Hunt Permit-tag Application Schedule for Spring 2008 Hunts.** The Department will provide the Commission with a presentation related to the proposed hunt-permit tag application schedule for spring 2008 hunts. The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the application schedule.
- 9. Presenter: Mark Weise, Development Branch Chief. Commission Briefing on Status of New Headquarters Facility.** The Department will be providing the Commission with a current status of the Department's new headquarters facility. This item is for Commission information only.
- 10. Call to the Public.** Those persons wishing to speak should complete a speaker's card and present it to the host. Unless prior approval has been granted by the Chairman, comments will be limited to no more than three minutes. No discussion or action will be taken by the Commission. Any items requiring further discussion or action will be included on a future Commission meeting agenda.

Lunch Break (Begins at 12:00 p.m.)

11. Executive Session

- a. Litigation and Legal Counsel.** The Commission may vote to meet in Executive Session in accordance with A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and (4) for the purpose of

discussing and consulting with legal counsel in order to consider its position and to instruct legal counsel regarding the Commission's position *In re General Stream Adjudication for the Little Colorado River and Gila River; State of Arizona v. George H. Johnson*, CV2005-002692; *Charles M. Johnson v. Arizona Game and Fish Dep't, et al* LC2006-000775-001; *Wilderness Watch v. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service*, CV01185-MHM.

- b. Litigation and Legal Counsel.** The Commission may vote to meet in executive session in accordance with A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and (4) for the purpose of discussing and consulting with legal counsel regarding the Commission's position on potential litigation regarding the use of temporary employment services at the Ben Avery Shooting Facility.
- c. Personnel Matters.** The Commission may vote to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters, including the Director's goals and objectives pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01(A)(1). The Commission may decide this matter in the public meeting or defer a decision to a later date.
- d. Confidential Records.** The Commission may vote to meet in executive session in accordance with 38-431.03(A)(2), to discuss and consider the language for a proposed supplemental funding initiative. The document is exempt by law from public disclosure under the attorney-work-product and attorney-client privileges.

12. Presenter: Pat Barber, Law Enforcement Branch Chief. Hearings on License Revocations for Violation of Game and Fish Codes and Civil Assessments for the Illegal Taking and/or Possession of Wildlife at Time Certain 2:00 p.m. The Commission will consider and take action on the license revocations and/or civil assessments for the individuals listed below.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Conviction</u>
Zarzyczny, James A.	Count A: Possess/transport unlawfully taken wildlife (elk).
Tanakeyowma, Hilario	Count A: Possess/transport unlawfully taken wildlife (elk).
Camargo, Kurtis N.	Count A: Take wildlife in a closed area (elk).
Pratt, Mark W.	Count A: Take wildlife in a closed area (elk).
Meacham, Paul L.	Count D: Exceed bag limit – two (2) mule deer.
Fearno, Nathan J. deer).	Count A: Take wildlife by an unlawful method (mule deer). Count B: Possess unlawfully taken wildlife (mule deer).
Holt, Troy C.	Count A: Possess unlawfully taken wildlife (mule deer).
Shaff, James R.	<u>0274</u> Count A: Guide without a guide license.

Count B: Possession/transportation of elk without evidence of legality.

Count C: Sale of elk meat

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Count A: Possession/transportation of unlawfully taken elk.

Count B: Possession/transportation of elk without tag attached.

Count D: Misuse of firearm.

Count E: Travel on closed road.

13. Presenter: Jon Cooley, Regional Supervisor, Pinetop Region. Request to Modify the Funding Priorities for the Wildlife Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Fund to Include the Sunset Habitat Restoration Project. The Department will request that the Commission modify the funding priorities for the Wildlife Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Fund to include work on the Sunset habitat improvement project due to unanticipated savings in the implementation of some of the previously approved projects for the Pinetop region deer habitat restoration project. The Commission may vote to approve, deny or modify the request.

14. Presenter: Duane Shroufe, Director. Director's Goals and Objectives – 2007. The Director will provide the Commission with an update on the progress of the approved goals and objectives for 2007. The Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on items covered in the update.

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Saturday, August 11, 2007, Arizona Game and Fish Commission at the Radisson Woodlands Hotel, 1175 West Route 66 Flagstaff, Arizona 86001.

Meeting begins at 8:00 a.m.

Awards and Commissioning of Officers.

- 1. Presenter: Josh Avey, Habitat Branch Chief. Request for Commission Approval for the Department to Acquire the Headstream & McVey Property in Yuma County, Arizona.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve acquisition of the Headstream and McVey property in Yuma County for incorporation into the Yuma East Wetlands and to prepare and execute a Purchase Agreement with the landowners and Cooperative Agreement with the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area for operation and maintenance of the property.
- 2. Presenter: Josh Avey, Habitat Branch Chief. Request for the Commission to approve the revision of the Master Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Arizona State Office, and the State of Arizona, Arizona Game and Fish Commission (Commission).**

The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the Master Memorandum of Understanding between the BLM Arizona State Office and the Commission. When signed, this Master MOU will replace the existing statewide Master Memorandum of Understanding between BLM and the Commission dated March 18, 1987.

****REMOVED ITEM****

- 3. Presenter: Josh Avey, Habitat Branch Chief. Request for Commission Approval for the Department to Accept the Donation of Lands (Lennar Corporation-Owned Lands) Adjacent to Arlington Wildlife Area in Maricopa County, Arizona.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the donation of lands adjacent to Arlington Wildlife Area in Maricopa County and to prepare and execute a Donation Agreement.

****ADDITIONAL ITEM****

- 3A. Presenter: Josh Avey, Habitat Branch Chief. Request for Commission Approval for the Arizona Conservation Prioritization (ACP) Model.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the current Arizona Conservation Prioritization Map that establishes and guides Department conservation activities on lands throughout the state.

****ITEM MOVED TO FRIDAY (2A.)****

- 4. Presenter: Josh Avey, Habitat Branch Chief and Scott Florence, BLM Arizona Strip District Manager. Update on Uranium Mining and Activities on the Arizona Strip.** Scott Florence, District Manager for the BLM's Arizona Strip District, will provide the Commission with a brief update on uranium mining and activities on BLM lands on the strip, including a general summary of the General Mining Act of 1872 and the anticipated effects on natural resources from these activities.

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- 5. Presenter: Josh Avey, Habitat Branch Chief. Donation of Land and Water Assignments from the Mohave County Water Authority (MCWA) located at the Cibola Valley Conservation Area in La Paz County, Arizona.** The Commission will be briefed on the transfer of land and water assignments located at the Cibola Valley Conservation Area from the Mohave County Water Authority. The Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, items covered in the presentation.

- 5A. Presenter: Anthony Guiles, Legislative Liaison. Supplemental Funding Initiative Language.** The Commission will be briefed on the development of draft language regarding a potential supplemental funding initiative that may include provisions for a new funding source from a sales tax; protection for the Heritage Fund; preservation of Commission authority; authorization for the Commission to participate in certain court actions; and removing legislative appropriation of the Game and Fish fund. The Commission may vote to approve or provide changes to the proposed language and/or provide further direction regarding this item.

- 6. Presenter: Leonard L. Ordway, Game Branch Chief. Presentation of the Proposed Hunt Guidelines for the fall 2008 through spring 2010 for Commission Approval.** The Commission will consider and may vote to approve proposed hunt guidelines for fall 2008 through spring 2010. The Commission may direct the Department to consider changes and/or new opportunities in the hunting and/or trapping guidelines. A detailed description of proposed hunt guidelines is available for public review at all Department offices.

7. **Presenter: Mike Rabe, Small Game and Migratory Gamebird Program Supervisor. Consideration of Proposed Commission Order 21–Waterfowl and Commission Order 22-Snipe for the 2007-2008 Hunting Season.** The Commission will consider and may vote to approve Commission Order 21 (Waterfowl) and Commission Order 22 (Snipe), establishing seasons and season dates, bag and possession limits, and open areas. A detailed description of all proposals is available for public review at all Department offices.
8. **Presenter: Brian F. Wakeling, Big Game Management Supervisor. Consideration of Proposed Commission Orders 5, 6, 8, and 9, for Spring 2008 Hunting Seasons.** The Commission will consider and may vote to approve Commission orders 5, 6, 8, and 9 (spring turkey, spring javelina, spring buffalo, and spring bear) establishing seasons and season dates, bag and possession limits, permit numbers, and open areas.

ADDITIONAL ITEM

- 8A. **Presenter: Martin Fabritz, Executive Staff Assistant, Heidi Vasiloff – Executive Director, Wildlife for Tomorrow Foundation.** The Wildlife for Tomorrow Foundation will update the Commission regarding recent activities and involvements and also provide information on future activities and Foundation direction. This presentation is for information only.
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10. **Litigation Report.** The Department's legal counsel may report on the status of the following litigation matters: *In re General Stream Adjudication for the Little Colorado River and Gila River*; *State of Arizona v. George H. Johnson*, CV2005-002692; *Charles M. Johnson v. Arizona Game and Fish Dep't, et al* LC2006-000775-001; *Wilderness Watch v. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service CV01185-MHM*. The Commission may vote to take action on any case.
11. **Director's and Chairman's Reports.** The Director and the Chairman will report on Department and Commission activities since the last meeting. This item will be informational only and no action will be taken at this meeting. If further discussion is necessary, those items requiring discussion may be placed on a future Commission meeting agenda.
12. **Commissioners' Reports.** The Commissioners' will report on their activities since the last meeting related to Game and Fish Commission duties and responsibilities. This item will be informational only and no action will be taken at this meeting. If further discussion is necessary, those items requiring discussion may be placed on a future Commission meeting agenda.
13. **Approval of Minutes and Signing of Minutes.** The Commission will be asked to approve the minutes from June 22-23, 2007; and July 6, 2007; and if approved, the signing of the minutes from June 22-23, 2007; and July 6, 2007.

14. **Future Agenda Items.**

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The agenda may be revised and additional items may be added prior to the meeting as authorized by A.R.S. §38-431.02. In that event, an addendum to the agenda will be noticed and posted prior to the meeting at Department offices. Commission agenda items not noticed for a specific time may be taken out of order.

Background materials provided to Commission members concerning public agenda items are available for public inspection at the main office of the Arizona Game and Fish Department at 2222 West Greenway Road, Phoenix, at Department regional offices in Pinetop, Flagstaff, Kingman, Yuma, Tucson, Mesa and at the meetings.

During the public meeting, the Commission may afford any person, their duly authorized representative, or both, the opportunity to present statements relating to agenda items, with or without the opportunity to present them orally.

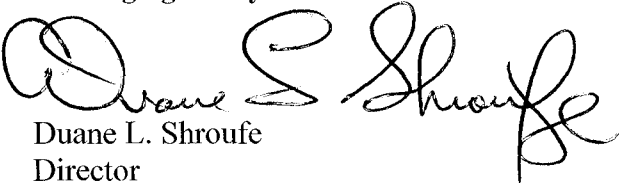
The Commission may go into Executive Session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from the Commission Attorneys on any of the above agenda items pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A) (3) & (4).

One or more members of the Commission may appear and participate in the meeting telephonically or by other electronic means.

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The Arizona Game and Fish Department is responsible for managing Arizona's fish and wildlife resource as an enduring public trust. In addition, the Department is charged with promoting safe and responsible use of watercraft and off-highway vehicles. Funding is provided from the sale of licenses and permits; watercraft registration fees; federal excise taxes on firearms, fishing equipment, boats, and other sporting goods; State lottery revenues; donations on State income tax forms; and various contracts and grants. Department policy is set by the Arizona Game and Fish Commission, whose five members are appointed by the Governor.

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